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SUBJECT: LINCOLN CENTER

REFS: A. BUENOS AIRES 5891, B. USIA 17607

1. RESULT FURTHER DISCUSSION FOLLOWING RECEIPT REF B, WE NOW PROPOSE:

A. RENEGTIATE LEASE FLORIDA SITE TO GIVE UP GROUND FLOOR LIBRARY SPACE WHILE RETAINING ALL ELSE. BOOKS PRESENTLY ON GROUND FLOOR WOULD BE REDISTRIBUTED FIRST AND SECOND FLOORS.

B. CONTINUE PRESENT LEVEL OPERATIONS INCLUDING USE MULTI-MEDIA ROOM INVITATIONAL BASIS ONLY.

C. MOVE FILM AND EXHIBIT SECTIONS NEW CHANCERY UPON COMPLETION MID 75. EVERYTHING ELSE WOULD REMAIN IN PLACE.

2. DISADVANTAGES WOULD BE LESS SPACE LIBRARY AND COST REMOVING FRONT STAIRCASE BETWEEN PRESENT GROUND AND FIRST FLOOR LIBRARY SPACE. WOULD ALSO ENTAIL COSTS IMPROVE SECURITY OF ENTRANCE TO MULTI-MEDIA ROOM AND ADJOINING STAIR TO FIRST FLOOR. ADVANTAGES WOULD BE:

A. MAINTAINING WELL KNOWN AND ACCESSIBLE SITE PLUS ABILITY PROGRAM WITH MULTI-MEDIA EQUIPMENT.

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B. REDUCTION SECURITY RISK THROUGH HAVING ENTRANCE TO CENTER
90 FEET AWAY FROM FLORIDA AT END OF PASSAGE INCONSPICUOUSLY
LOCATED BETWEEN TWO NORMAL STORES.

C. SAVINGS TO POST IN RENT AND UTILITIES OF RELINQUISHED
SPACE ESTIMATED AT TOTAL \$70,000 OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.

3. AS BEFORE, ABOVE CONTINGENT ABILITY SATISFACTORILY
RENEGOTIATE LEASE. REQUEST DILLON DISCUSS WITH BARBER
AND APPROPRIATE DEPT OFFICIALS AND, IF NO OBJECTIONS,
GIVE POST PERMISSION EXPLORE WITH LANDLORD PRIOR DILLON
VISIT TO BUENOS AIRES.
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